

REMARKS

Applicants reply to the final Office Action dated May 18, 2010 within two months. The Examiner rejects all pending claims. Support for the amended claims may be found in the originally-filed specification, figures and claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Amendments

Support for the amended claims may be found in the originally-filed specification, figures and claims, and thus, no new matter is added by the amendments. For example, support for a “a trip module in communication with the point of service terminal, wherein the trip module is configured to receive a trip request via email and parse the trip request to obtain trip request data” as recited in the present claim 1 and as similarly recited in claims 4 and 10 may be found in, for example, paragraph [0052] of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/217,666, which is incorporated by reference in the present application. See paragraph [0001] of the present specification.

The amendments to the specification attached herewith add the disclosures of paragraph [0052] of U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/217,666 to this specification. As U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/217,666 is incorporated by reference in the present application in originally filed paragraph [0001] of the present specification, Applicants submit that the amendment to the specification is not new matter.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph*Claims 1-6 and 10-19*

The Examiner rejects claims 1-6 and 10-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner asserts that the phrase, “dynamically select a travel service supplier by routing in real time,” is not supported by the present specification.

Applicants disagree with this rejection but cancel the disputed phrase to expedite prosecution. Thus, Applicants request that the rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph*Claims 1-6 and 10-19*

The Examiner rejects claims 1-6 and 10-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the phrase, “dynamically select a travel service supplier by routing in real time,” is indefinite.

Applicants disagree with this rejection but cancel the disputed phrase to expedite prosecution. Thus, Applicants request that the rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103*Claims 1, 4, 10, 13-16 and 19*

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 4, 10, 13-16 and 19 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0120526 by Altman et al. (“Altman”), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,023,679 to Acebo et al. (“Acebo”), WIPO publication WO 02/29672 by Rosenbluth International (“Rosenbluth”), U.S. Patent No. 5,948,040 to Delorme et al. (“Delorme”). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants amend certain claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution.

Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth and Delorme are discussed in prior Replies. Applicants continue to disagree with the Examiner regarding the Examiner’s application of these references. To expedite prosecution, Applicants submit the present amendments to further clarify over the cited referenced. In particular, the present claims include, at least, “a trip module in communication with the point of service terminal, wherein the trip module is configured to receive a trip request via email and parse the trip request to obtain trip request data,” as recited in claim 1 and as similarly recited in claims 4 and 10.

Dependent claims 13-16 and 19 variously depend from independent claims 1, 4 and 10, so Applicants assert that dependent claims 13-16 and 19 are patentable for at least the same reasons for differentiating independent claims 1, 4, and 10 as well as in view of their own respective features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2-3, 5-6 and 11-12

The Examiner rejects claims 2-3, 5-6 and 11-12 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, Delorme, and U.S. Patent Publication 2001/0049693 by Pratt et al. (“Pratt”). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants amend the claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution.

Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, and Delorme are discussed in prior Replies. Pratt discloses an automated data processing system using relational database technology. The disclosures and contemplations of Pratt do not cure the deficiencies of Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, and Delorme. Moreover, dependent claims 2-3, 5-6 and 11-12 variously depend from independent claims 1, 4, and 10, so Applicants assert that dependent claims 2-3, 5-6 and 11-12 are patentable for at least the same reasons for differentiating independent claims 1, 4 and 10, as well as in view of their own respective features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 17

The Examiner rejects claim 17 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, Delorme, and Russell Straayer: “Overview of Frame Relay” (March 1997)(“Straayer”). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants amend the claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution.

Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, and Delorme are discussed in prior Replies. Straayer discloses frame relay systems. The disclosures and contemplations of Straayer do not cure the deficiencies of Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, and Delorme. Moreover, dependent claim 17 variously depends from independent claims 1, and Applicants thus assert that dependent claim 17 is patentable for at least the same reasons for differentiating independent claims 1, as well as in view of its own respective features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 18

The Examiner rejects claim 18 as unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, Delorme, Straayer, and Techfest: “Asynchronous Transfer Mode Overview” (August 17, 2000) (“Techfest”). Applicants respectfully disagree with these rejections, but Applicants amend the claims in order to clarify the patentable aspects of the claims and to expedite prosecution.

Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, Delorme, and Straayer are discussed in prior Replies. Techfest discloses asynchronous transfer modes. The disclosures and contemplations of Techfest do not cure the deficiencies of Altman, Acebo, Rosenbluth, Delorme, and Straayer. Moreover, dependent claim 18 variously depends from independent claims 1, and Applicants thus assert that

dependent claim 18 is patentable for at least the same reasons for differentiating independent claims 1, as well as in view of its own respective features. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

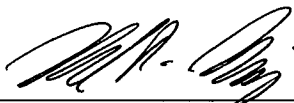
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are allowable over the cited references. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the above in greater detail or deem that further amendments should be made to improve the form of the claims, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including any required extension fees.

This statement does not authorize charge of the Issue Fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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